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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA - FUGITIVE;  
JAMES BRADLEY LEE - FUGITIVE  
Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE - VICTIM  
CONSPIRACY; ITSP; MAIL FRAUD

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Re El Paso teletype to the Bureau dated August 2, 1951.

For information of the Minneapolis Office, following referenced teletype set forth:

Relet Miami to Bureau March 27 last entitled 'JAMES BRADLEY LEE, et al, ITSP'. Re CC letter to Albuquerque July 23 last, entitled 'VICTOR EMANUEL PEREIRA, JAMES BRADLEY LEE, Mrs. GERTRUDE JOYCE, Victim, ITSP'. Re FBI Lab report to Chief of Police El Paso, July 30 last. On July 30 last authorized complaints filed and warrants issued, USG, El Paso, charging PEREIRA and LEE with Conspiracy, ITSP and Mail Fraud. Complaints based upon info furnished by Mrs. GERTRUDE J. JOYCE PEREIRA, Roswell, N. M. on April 19 last. GERTRUDE JOYCE, wealthy widow, aged 55 and sister, KATHRYN JOINER, age 30, came to EP stopping at fashionable Del Norte Hotel. LEE and PEREIRA staying at same hotel, struck up acquaintance and returned to Roswell with women three days later as house guests. LEE posed as oil lease operator, PEREIRA posed as wealthy sportsman who had just been divorced and had \$48,000 coming in short time from property settlement. Whirlwind courtship culminated in marriage of PEREIRA and JOYCE in KC, Mo. on May 25 last. LEE had proposed marriage to JOINER. LEE and PEREIRA defrauded JOYCE of total of \$47,000 and Cadillac between time of meeting and June 21, when they disappeared.

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"Check for \$35,000 transported interstate by PEREIRA and \$5,000 by LEE. Mails used in furtherance of fraud inasmuch as check for \$35,000 deposited for collection in El Paso bank for payment by JOYCE's Los Angeles bank. Report being submitted immediately setting forth extensive leads to locate fugitives. Fugitive Port Letter being submitted. Bureau requested to expedite criminal records, photographs and other available info of PEREIRA, FBI No. 2157349, PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI No. 2594295, JOE P. LUNDING, FBI No. 477053, J. P. DONAHUE, FBI No. 427053, SIDNEY 'DOC' HOLWAY, FBI No. 76762 and EDWARD S. LYONS, FBI No. 347381. LYONS believed to be identical with LEE and other individuals mentioned above believed to be associates of LEE and PEREIRA in widespread con racket. All offices requested to check indices and furnish EP any information re present whereabouts LEE and PEREIRA. PEREIRA described white, male, age 45, 6' 1 1/2", 215 pounds, dark brown receding hair, brown eyes, olive complexion, black mustache, pleasant countenance, nice voice, fine clothes, probably driving '51, two tone blue, steel top convertible Cadillac. LEE described white, male, 6' 1 1/2", 185 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, 'hail fellow well met', maybe driving '50 black Cadillac."

For information of Minneapolis and Albuquerque Offices, Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN, 3111 South Zuni, Tulsa, Oklahoma, appeared at Miami Office March 26, 1951, requesting information concerning one JAMES LEE. As a result of the interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN, it was ascertained that she met JAMES BRADLEY LEE, also known as J. Bradley Lee and James Lee, at Hot Springs, Arkansas in June of 1950 at a horse show. LEE subsequently called her on the telephone on several occasions from Dallas, Texas; Reno, Nevada; Monterey, New Mexico; and Los Angeles, California. In July of 1950, LEE was reportedly at Grand Lake, Colorado and flew to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he stayed for one week with Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MATHAY. He reportedly flew from Tulsa to Los Angeles after this visit and stayed at the Casa Manana in La Jolla, California.

Mrs. VAN NORMAN, at the time of interview, advised she had divorced her husband and expected to marry LEE and had given him at various times approximately \$9,500, \$2,000 of which

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was in the form of a check on the National Bank of Commerce, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which she sent to LEE in Dallas, Texas on November 23, 1950, to purchase leases on oil land from a man by the name of SOLLOWAY, reportedly residing on Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and believed to be identical with SIDNEY "DOC" SOLLOWAY, FBI Number 76762.

According to Mrs. VAN NORMAN, LEE, on several of his frequent visits to her parents' home in Texas, had been accompanied by one GUS KING, who was allegedly residing at the San Marcus Inn in Phoenix or the Westwood Hotel in Phoenix. Both Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother, Mrs. C. A. MATHESY, identified PAUL AUGUSTUS KING, FBI Number 2594295, from the Miami Con Man File as the GUS KING who is an associate of JAMES LEE. VAN NORMAN advised that KING and LEE at times had stayed at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. KING was last known to the Miami Office to have been arrested in Miami Beach, Florida on March 19, 1947. The Miami Crime Survey file for 1947 and 1948 reflects that KING and FRANK BROWN, alias Ralph Brown, FBI Number 4806462, were arrested by the Miami Beach Police Department on March 19, 1947 in connection with swindles at Miami Beach hotels.

Miami miscellaneous file for ITSP cases contains a complaint dated January 13, 1950, concerning one JAMES LEE, who swindled a Mrs. ELEANOR ROWE NICHOLS of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, out of \$1,200 on New Years Eve of 1950 after dating her for three days and inducing her to pawn jewels to assist him in paying a gambling debt. No action was taken on this complaint by the Miami Office at that time in view of the lack of jurisdiction. The victim of the January 13, 1950 complaint at that time looked through the Miami Con Man File and positively identified LEE as EDWARD S. LYONS, FBI Number 847381.

Both Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother failed to identify LYONS' photograph, however, as the JAMES LEE with whom they were acquainted, although both noted that the description furnished by Mrs. ELEANOR NICHOLS of Fort Lauderdale, Florida fit LEE to perfection.

At the time of the interview with Mrs. VAN NORMAN, she advised that in addition to being associated with GUS KING, JAMES LEE was also acquainted with a TED SAUNDERS and a "JOCK" DOWDING whom Mrs. VAN NORMAN and her mother met on one occasion.

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when in the company of LEE. They were exhibited photographs of JOE P. DOWDING, with aliases "Jock", J. P. Conahue, etc., FBI Number A77053, which Mrs. C. A. MATHEW advised she was reasonably certain was identical with the "JOCK" DOWDING with whom LEE was acquainted.

According to Mrs. VAN NORMAN, LEE, at the time of the interview in March of 1951, was negotiating with the man named SCULLOWAY of Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, relative to oil leases and LEE reportedly maintained a mailing address in Dallas at 303 Southland Life Building.

Although the Miami file contains no current information relative to the individuals mentioned herein or in referenced El Paso teletype, Miami files indicate that these individuals are known to Confidential Informant SP-3, presently believed to be in contact with the Minneapolis Division. It is suggested that the Minneapolis Division contact Confidential Informant SP-3 for information as to further identity of JAMES BRADLEY LEE and the other individuals mentioned in instant letter.

The Oklahoma City Office is requested to contact Mrs. VIRGINIA VAN NORMAN, 3111 South Eunis, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone 7-1967, Tulsa, for any further information she may have relative to LEE or his associates and on the possibility of obtaining additional photographs from Mrs. VAN NORMAN.

Photographs of EDWARD S. LYONS, FBI Number 847381, SAMUEL SCULLOWAY, FBI Number 76762, and PAUL A. KING, FBI Number 2594295, are being forwarded as enclosures with instant letter to the El Paso Office for assistance in conducting investigation at El Paso.

Inasmuch as there appears no outstanding investigation in this division, this case is being considered RUC to the El Paso Office.

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